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Today's Topics:

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Date: 28 Oct 1994 01:05:04 -0400  
From: wdunckel1@aol.com (WDUNCKEL1)  
Subject: FM reception on HT - any advice?

In article <1994Oct26.095554.1@lpopsb>, donovan@lpopsb.mayo.edu writes:

>I was wondering what the odds of picking up  
>a FM 2meter downlink on a HT.  
>are there any others..strong  
>enough signals (FM 2meters) to receive on an  
>HT....lets assume a good pass also....

>any replies would be greatly welcomed..I  
>am new to amateur radio and have a growing  
>interest in the satelllites...I only have  
>a 2meter HT now so I think my options are  
>limited to listening to downlinks.

Actually modern HT's can pick up fairly weak signals. I know the Dove  
satelite was operating ok and you can pick up its signal, but I cant  
remember its freq. It would be a little more exciting if you had a TNC  
packet controler, then you could see its signal. Make sure that it is in

fact still operating.

I have heard the Mir Satellite (The Mirs has battery probs at the moment and can be heard only sporatically). I have also been able to transmit and be heard and retransmitted by Mir using packet. My longest connect has been in Canada and I live near San Francisco!!! This was all done by my HT at less than 5 watts!!

I have also heard some of the crew on STS-64 space shuttle flight with my HT.

I tried to make contact to them through sarex, but there were a whole lot of other people trying at higher power.

A great book to get is ARRL's Satellite Handbook. With a homemade groundplane antenna and perhaps an inexpensive preamplifier you could be hearing

a lot with your HT!!

Have Fun

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